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OF THE UNITED STATES

Philadelphia Chapter No. 44

Executive Registry

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May 10, 1977

Adm. Stansfield Turner
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

On behalf of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Council of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, it is my pleasure to extend to you an invitation to be our honored guest and speaker at the ROA (Pennsylvania) Annual Gala Banquet and Dance to be held in the City of Philadelphia on Saturday, 24 September 1977. This affair will take place at the Union League of Philadelphia, an institution of great patriotic traditions and renown in the community.

You will be speaking before a group not only of armed forces reservists and their spouses, but also before a group of distinguished civic and business leaders in the community. I am planning for the largest possible attendance permitted at the Union League, Lincoln Hall, of approximately 400 to 450 people. It is my intent to invite the members of our ten component chapters of this council, Navy League, Naval Reserve Association and our own Union League members. You will be pleased to know that there are many retired flag officers in the area as well as some major active-duty flag commands whom I also visualize attending. We can offer you the broadest possible news media coverage if you would so desire. The Union League House lends itself to tight security arrangements, and admission would only be by invitation and appropriate entrance tickets.

Our desire to have you as our main speaker during the Fall meetings of the ROA which, incidentally, is also the meeting of the entire State membership, stems from our concern and firm belief of the need to counteract the bad publicity which our Intelligence Services have been subject to in the most recent past. I believe the platform offered you and your organization does carry a great prestige in our area; thus, we are most anxious of obtaining your acceptance. We understand that your acceptance and appearance before our group would be predicated on whether or not the national interests of our Country would demand your presence away from Philadelphia at that time. Hoping that this may not be the case, you might then favorably consider our invitation.

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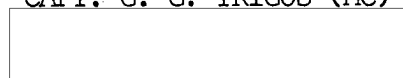
Sincerely yours,



CAPT. G. G. TRIGOS (MC) USNR

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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

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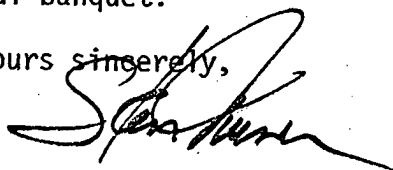
Dear Captain Trigos,

Thanks so much for your letter of May 10th inviting me to be guest speaker at the ROA gala in September.

As you may imagine, these first few months in my new assignment will be quite hectic. Thus, I must decline your most generous offer since my schedule for September is already quite full.

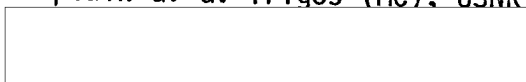
Thanks again for considering me and my best wishes for a most successful banquet.

Yours sincerely,



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Captain G. G. Trigos (MC), USNR



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